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1. THE LONG-AWAITED CABINET CHANGES, THE FIRST MAJOR
RESHUFFLE SINCE 1962, WAS ANNOUNCED BY H.M. KING KHALID
YESTERDAY OCT 13. THE REORGANIZATION INCREASED THE
NUMBER OF MINISTRIES IN THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FROM 16 TO
22. THE SIX NEW MINISTRIES CREATED WERE PUBLIC WORKS
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POSTS, TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAPH; INDUSTRY AND ELECTRI-

CITY; AND HIGHER EDUCATION. TEN NEW MINISTERS WERE APPOINTED AND FOUR FORMER MINISTERS-OF-STATE BECAME FULL MINISTERS. IN ADDITION THREE NEW MINISTERS OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO WERE APPOINTED. OF THE NEW MINISTERS AND MINISTERS-OF-STATE, NINE HAVE PHD'S OR ARE DOCTORS OF MEDICINE. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF THE NEW APPOINTEES IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT:

(A) CROWN PRINCE FAHD RELINQUISHED HIS POST AS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR TO HIS FULL BROTHER, PRINCE NAYEF BIN ABD AL-AZIZ. THE CROWN PRINCE REMAINS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, CROWN PRINCE FAHD FUNCTIONS AS DE FACTO PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDES OVER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

(B) PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN ABD AL-AZIZ REMAINS SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

(C) PRINCE SULTAN REMAINS MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION.

(D) THE NEW MINISTER OF THE NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING, PRINCE MUT'IB BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, WAS FORMER DEPUTY MINDEF (FROM 1951-1956) UNDER HIS BROTHER, FORMER MINDEF PRINCE MISHAL. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEFORE HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT.

(E) THE NEW MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, PRINCE NAYEF, IS THE FORMER VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. THE FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR, CROWN PRINCE FAHD, RETAINS HIS POST AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

(F) THE MINISTER OF THE NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AND URBAN AFFAIRS, PRINCE MAJID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, HAS HERETOFORE NOT HELD ANY SIGNIFICANT POSITION IN PUBLIC LIFE.

(G) H.R.H. PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISAL SUCCEEDS KING KHALID AS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE WAS FORMERLY MINISTER

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OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(H) H.E. SHAYKH HASSAN BIN ABDULLAH AL-SHAYKH, THE MINISTER OF THE NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WAS FORMERLY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

(I) SHAYKH MUHAMMAD AL-ALI ABA AL-KHAYL SUCCEEDS H.R.H. PRINCE MUSA'ID AS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. ABA AL-

KHAYL WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY.

(J) SHAYKH AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI REMAINS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES.

(K) SHAYKH IBRAHIM BIN MUHAMMAD BIN IBRAHIM AL-SHAYKH IS THE NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SUCCEEDING QADI MUHAMMAD HAROKAN IN THIS POST.

(L) SHAYKH MUHAMMAD OMAR TAWFIQ REMAINS MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS.

(M) DR. ABD AL-AZIZ ABDALLAH AL-KHUWAITER, FORMERLY MINISTER OF HEALTH, SUCCEEDS SHAIKH HASAN AL-SHAYKH AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION. SHAIKH HASAN AL-SHAYKH HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(N) SHAYKH IBRAHIM BIN ABDALLAH AL-ANQARI, FORMERLY MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SUCCEEDS SHAYKH ABD AL-RAHMAN ABA AL-KHAIL AS MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

(O) SHAYKH HISHAM NAZER HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER OF THE NEW MINISTRY OF PLANNING. HE WAS FORMERLY MINISTER OF STATE AND CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

(P) SHAYKH ABDUL-WAHHAB ABDUL WASI, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF OBSERVATION AND INVESTIGATION DEPT, SUCCEEDS SAYYID HASSAN KUTBI AS NEW MINISTER OF PILGRIMAGE AND ENDOWMENTS.

(Q) DR. ABDUL RAHMAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ BIN HASAN ASHSHAYKH SUCCEEDS SHAYKH HASSAN MISHARI AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER. SHAYKH MISHARI'S NEW DESTINATION IS RUMORED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE AN AMBASSADORSHIP IN WESTERN EUROPE.

(R) DR. MUHAMMAD ABDO YAMANI, FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF KING ABD AL-AZIZ UNIVERSITY, SUCCEEDS SHAYKH IBRAHIM BIN ABDULLAH AL-ANQARI AS MINISTER OF INFORMATION. SHAYKH BIN ABDULLAH AL-ANQARI IS NEW MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

(S) DR. HUSSAIN ABD AL-QADIR AL-JAZA'IRI, FORMERLY DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, RIYADH UNIVERSITY SUCCEEDS DR. ABD AL-AZIZ ABDALLA AL-KHUWAITER AS MINISTER OF HEALTH. DR. AL-KHUWAITER HAS BEEN APPOINTED NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

(T) DR. SULAIMAN ABD AL-AZIZ AL-SULAIM, FORMERLY DEPMIN OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR COMMERCE AND SUPPLY, HAS BEEN

NAMED NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE (FORMERLY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) HE SUCCEEDS MUHAMMAD AL-AWADI AT THIS POSITION.

(U) DR. ALAWI DARWISH KAYYAL, FORMERLY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POSTS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER OF THE NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF POST, TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

(V) DR. GHAZI ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-QUSAIBI, FORMERLY DIRGEN OF SAUDI RAILROADS HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER TO NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY.

(W) SHAYKH MUHAMMED IBRAHIM MAS'UD, FORMERLY DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF STATE AND CABINET MEMBER.

(X) DR. ABDALLA MUAHMMAD AL-'UMRAN HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF STATE AND CABINET MEMBER. HE IS A LAWYER.

(Y) DR. MUAHMMAD ABD AL-LATIF AL-MULHAM HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF STATE AND CABINET MEMBER.
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